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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fourth session

Draft report

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Chapter ___. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-fourth session at United Nations Headquarters from 28 February to 2 March 2000. The Commission held eight meetings (1st to 8th).

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the forty-third session of the Commission, Patricia Flor (Germany), who also made a statement.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ___ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 28 February, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:	Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia)
Vice-Chairpersons:	Kirsten Geelan (Denmark) Misako Kaji (Japan) Loreto Leyton (Chile) Mankeur Ndiaye (Senegal)

5. At its 3rd meeting, on 29 February, the Commission designated Misako Kaji (Japan) Vice-Chairperson with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

6. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2000/1. The agenda was as follows:

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1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women:
   (a) Review of mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern.
4. Comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Communications concerning the status of women.
7. Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fourth session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

7. The Commission established a working group to consider, under agenda item 6, communications concerning the status of women, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed:

Mostafa Alaei (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Martha Franken (Belgium)
Lulit Zewdie G/Mariam (Ethiopia)
Rasa Ostrauskaite (Lithuania)
Eduardo Tapia (Chile)

F. Consultations with non-governmental organizations

8. Written statements, submitted by non-governmental organizations in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1), were circulated in documents E/CN.6/2000/NGO/1-14.